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I think Peter has REALLY lost it! Hope you can print and share with Eric.
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From: Peter Raven [mailto: [REDACTED]]
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Dear Laughter Lovers,

So the traditional hundred-dollar bill has been redesigned.



The Benjamin is a favorite of forgers, and the idea behind its new treatment is to discourage them with an array of security features. I do think they will be discouraged—by its ugliness. Of all criminals, counterfeiters can lay the most claim to being artists. As usual, I go no further than the *New Yorker* cartoon record to prove my point.



"Granted it's an improvement over the government's design,
Miskin, but in this business we've got to be practical."



"Poor baby, you should have north light."

There may be no honor among these thieves, but aesthetics is another matter.



"No-o-o, I'm afraid you haven't quite got it. Hamilton's face had some thing more—a kind of luminous suggestion of virtue and integrity. Somehow you've missed it."

With money today being mainly faceless electrons shuttling through cyberspace, it would be great to have your own personalized currency, not only to proclaim your individuality, but to get off snappy one-liners.



“What’s the matter? My money no good around here?

Toward that end, I've just established a site called myveryowncurrency.com. I'd love to tell you more about it, but I see I just got an e-mail from the Treasury Department that I need to respond to.

Cheers,

Bob Mankoff

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